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BRUSSELS FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

TAGS: MASS, MILLI, MOPS, JO, IR, MR, XF

SUBJECT: MAURETANIAN REQUEST FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE FROM IRAN  
AND JORDAN

1. CROWN PRINCE HASAN TOLD ME THAT HE HAD RECEIVED TODAY (DECEMBER 8) A SECRET EMISSARY FROM MOKHTAR OULD DADDAH WHO WAS ASKING JORDAN, AND LATER WOULD ASK IRAN, FOR TROOPS TO HELP IN THE SAHARA COMPAIGN.

2. EMISSARY (WHO WAS NOT NAMED) BECAME EXCITED WHEN PRESS INVITED IN TO TAKE PICTURES OF HIS MEETING WITH HASAN AND PRESS HAD TO BE QUICKLY REMOVED FROM THE ROOM.

3. MAURETANIAN MADE REFERENCE TO IRANIAN AND JORDANIAN TROOP SUPPORT FOR OMAN OVER LAST FEW YEARS (JORDAN HAS AN ENGINEER COMPANY IN OMAN, AND SENT A SPECIAL FORCES BATTALION FOR SIX MONTHS ON 1975).

I ASKED HASAN ABOUT WHO WAS HOING TO PAY MAURETANIA? HE SAID THAT IS PRESUMABLY WHY IRAN IS BEING APPROACHED.

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4. HASAN SAID THAT HE HAD BRIEFED THE KING JUST BEFORE LATTERS DEPARTURE FOR CAIRO THIS MORING AND KING'S SOLE REACTION HAD BEEN "A SMILE". I TOLD HASAN WE APPRECIATED HIS KEEPING US INFORMED AND THAT WE WOULD OBVIOUSLY HAVE TO BE CONSULTED IF JORDAN WERE GOING TO RESPOND POSITIVELY AND TAKE ANY US ORIGIN MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO MAURETANIA.

5. JORDAN IN THE PAST HAS PROVIDED SOME EQUIPMENT TO  
MAURETANIA. WE ARE NOT ACTUALLY CERTAIN THAT US PERMISSION REQUIRED  
FOR SUCH A CAPER IF EQUIPMENT REMAINS IN JORDANIAN HANDS,  
BUT THOUGHT IT BEST TO GET OUR POINTS IN EARLY IN CASE IT IS.  
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